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Group Art Unit: 2121

Examiner: Holmes, Michael B.

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In re Application of: Malone et al.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND**  
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2007, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: